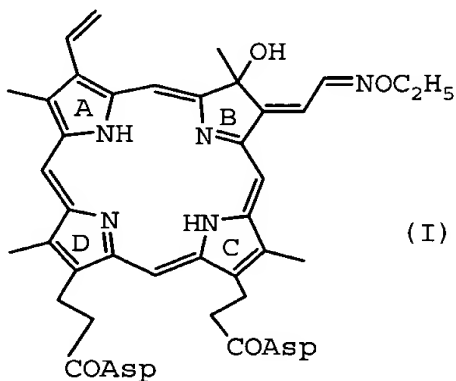


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Please add new claims 9-14 as follows:

9. (NEW) A porphyrin compound represented by the following formula (I):

Formula 1



wherein Asp represents a residue of aspartic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

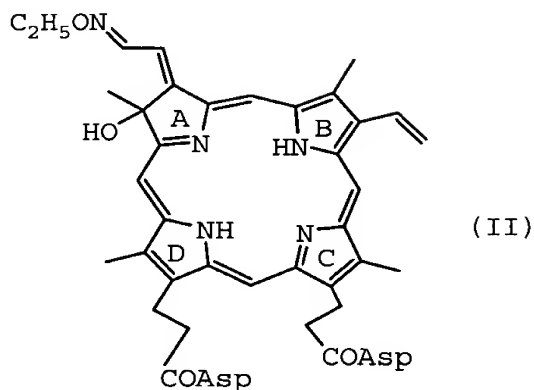
10. (NEW) A composition for use as a photodynamic diagnostic or therapeutic agent on cancers for animals comprising a diagnostic or therapeutic effective amount of the porphyrin compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1 as an active ingredient.

11. (NEW) A method of photodynamic diagnosis and/or treatment on cancers for animals comprising administering the composition of claim 10.

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12. (NEW) A porphyrin compound represented by the following formula (II):

Formula 2



wherein Asp represents a residue of aspartic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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13. (NEW) A composition for use as a photodynamic diagnostic therapeutic agent on cancers for animals comprising a diagnostic or therapeutic effective amount of the porphyrin compound of formula (II) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 11 as an active ingredient.

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14. (NEW) A method of photodynamic diagnosis and/or treatment on cancers for animals comprising administering the composition of claim 12